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Cal. 2-Year College Attacked for Seminar of JFK-Assassination Conspiracy Theorists

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The Board of Trustees of a California community college narrowly approved Monday a three-day course on the assassination of John F. Kennedy that includes a speaker who believes the murder was plotted by the Israeli intelligence agency.

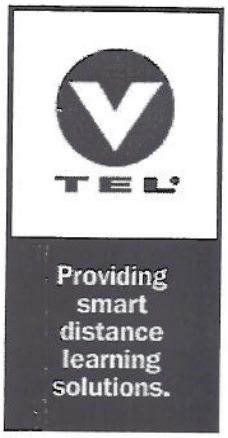
Angry faculty members and others have called the board's decision anti-Semitic and have protested the tie-breaking vote, which was cast by the board's president, Stephen J. Frogue. Mr. Frogue, who once was temporarily dismissed from teaching at a local high school for having denied that the Holocaust happened, will teach the class next month at Saddleback College, in Mission Viejo. The college, 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles, serves about 17,000 students.

The course will feature Michael Collins Piper, who blames the Israelis for President Kennedy's assassination; Dave Emory, who contends that Nazis killed the President; and Sherman Skolnick, a member of the advisory board of the newspaper *The Spotlight,* which the Anti-Defamation League told the trustees on Monday is "the most anti-Semitic publication in America." Mr. Piper is a writer for the newspaper.

"Shame on the college for ever considering this course with their name attached to it," Joyce Greenspan, a regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, said on Thursday.

Mr. Frogue broke a 3-to-3 tie to approve the course, which he will teach at no charge. The $5,000 allocated to engage speakers for the course, which is scheduled for September 26-28, will come from each student's $99 course fee. Students will not receive academic credit for attending the seminar.

Still, Ms. Greenspan said "these absurd theories" will be presented under the guise of a college course. She criticized Mr. Frogue for not inviting other speakers to offer rebuttals.



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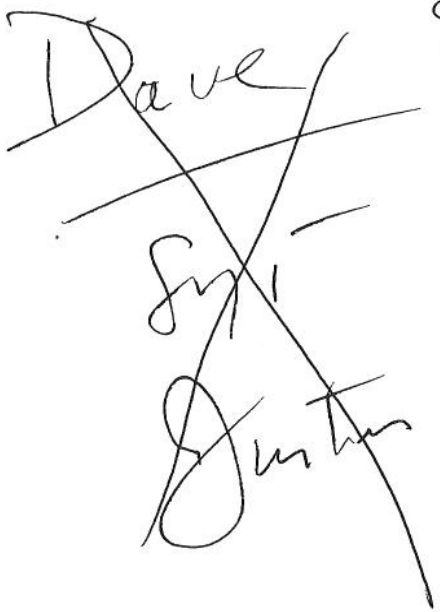
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